



# Synchrony

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Own: Pin Oak Stable



Ch. h. 6 (Feb)  
Sire: Tapit (Pulpit) \$225,000  
Dam: Brownie Points (Forest Wildcat)  
Br: Pin Oak Stud, LLC (Ky)  
Tr: Stidham Michael(7 4 2 0 .57) 2019:(416 79 .19)

Life	23	9	4	6	\$918,052	103	D.Fst	5	2	1	2	\$105,440	84
2019	5	2	1	1	\$275,000	101	Wet(415)	2	0	0	0	\$2,462	82
2018	8	4	0	3	\$474,950	103	Synth	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Wo	1	1	0	0	\$105,000	95	Turf(313)	16	7	3	4	\$810,150	103
							Dst(367)	5	2	2	0	\$202,500	99

29Jun19-6WO	gd	1	233	:461	1:09	1:32	3+	KingEdwd-G2	95	2/8	52	64	75	44	11	Castellano J J	L123	*1.10	96-10	Synchrony <sup>1</sup>	Curlin's Honor <sup>2</sup>	Say the Word <sup>nk</sup>	Up late ridden out
25May19-11Mth	fm	1 1/8	473	1:10	1:45	3+	Monmouth-G2	101	7/8	22	22	32	31	2nk	McCarthy T	L120	*1.90	105-07	Almanaar <sup>nk</sup>	Synchrony <sup>4</sup>	Force the Pass <sup>2</sup>	Game finish outside	
4May19-11CD	gd	1 1/8	50	1:15	1:39	2	TurfClsc-G1	94	9/13	126	114	94	86	75	Velazquez J R	L120b	8.10	72-23	Bricks and Mortar <sup>2</sup>	Qurban <sup>1</sup>	Clyde's Image <sup>2</sup>	3wd turns, not enough	
23Mar19-11FG	fm	1 1/8	51	1:15	1:39	1:50	4+	MunizMmH-G2	100	3/6	53	52	53	42	3 1/2	Bravo J	L123	4.50	85-13	Bricks and Mortar <sup>no</sup>	Markitoff <sup>1</sup>	Synchrony <sup>2</sup>	2p.mvd out3/16.willing
16Feb19-10FG	fm	1 1/8	471	1:11	1:36	1:48	4+	FgH-G3	100	7/9	85	75	64	21	11 1/2	Bravo J	L122	*1.10	99-08	Synchrony <sup>1</sup>	Bandua <sup>2</sup>	Markitoff <sup>2</sup>	Ins-2p.stdy5/16.6w1/4
24Nov18-7Dmr	fm	1 1/8	233	:47	1:12	1:41	3+	SeabctH-G2	94	7/12	116	116	115	65	3 1/2	Bravo J	L120	*1.70	94-08	Caribou Club <sup>1</sup>	Secretary At War <sup>nd</sup>	Synchrony <sup>1</sup>	Steadied 1/4.4wd str
6Oct18-10Kee	gd	1	231	:47	1:12	1:36	3+	ShdwITFM-G1	94	5/13	118	108	63	45	7 1/2	Lanerie C J	L126	10.00	80-16	Next Shares <sup>3</sup>	Great Wide Open <sup>1</sup>	Qurban <sup>2</sup>	Off rail.bid str.faded
1Sep18-10Mth	fm	1	232	:46	1:10	1:33	3+	RedBank-G3	96	2/8	56	57	52	21	11 1/2	Bravo J	L123	*.60	93-14	Synchrony <sup>1</sup>	Abiding Star <sup>1</sup>	Irish Strait <sup>3</sup>	Rail trip, willingly
29Jly18-7Mth	fm	1 1/8	252	:49	1:12	1:42	3+	Oceanprt-G3	96	2/7	65	64	63	31	12 1/2	Bravo J	L123	*.70	91-12	Synchrony <sup>2</sup>	Doctor Mounty <sup>2</sup>	Irish Strait <sup>1</sup>	Bumped st, rail run
7Jly18-9AP	fm	1 1/8	484	1:12	1:36	1:54	3+	ArlH-G3	98	1/10	45	63	42	31	31	Bravo J	L122	*1.10	103-03	Divisidero <sup>2</sup>	Revved Up <sup>2</sup>	Synchrony <sup>2</sup>	Bobl st, 2-3w, 4w up

WORKS: ● Sep7Fair.t ● 5fst 1:00 B 1/20 Aug31Fair.t ● 4fst:484 B 5/28 Aug24Fair.t ● 5fst 1:00 B 3/27 ● Aug17Fair.t ● 5fst 1:00 B 1/11 Aug3Fair.t ● 4fst:484 B 4/15 Jly27Fair.t ● 4fst:494 B 23/28

TRAINER: 61-180Days(95.15 \$2.06) WonLastStart(158.20 \$1.63) Turf(485.19 \$1.59) Routes(595.19 \$1.61) Stakes(125.16 \$1.78)

- Synchrony was flawless in his first appearance at Woodbine, overcoming a less than ideal trip to get up for a one-length score in the Grade 2 King Edward on June 29, Queen's Plate Day.
- Saturday, Synchrony will be looking to remain perfect over the local course and distance as he seeks his first Grade 1 victory in the Ricoh Woodbine Mile. "The Grade I is huge," said trainer Michael Stidham, noting that the homebred's stud potential would increase significantly for owners Pin Oak Stable, who also are in the breeding business.
- Synchrony, who had started six times when he debuted for Stidham at the Fair Grounds in February 2017, was unplaced in his first start for his new conditioner. But the now six-year-old was tried on turf for the first time in his next outing, was an impressive allowance winner, and a new career was born.
- "He'd been going through some issues which he had as a three-year-old," said Stidham. "He had some bone-bruising. We had to kind of take our time to get him through that. The owners were very patient and gave me all the time I needed to get him healthy. We tried the grass with him and found that was definitely going to be his preferred surface. He's gone on to do some good things, and we hope he's got some more left in him."
- Synchrony has been a gem of consistency, being astutely managed while scoring in four Grade 3 stakes and a pair of Grade 2s including the King Edward, with several standing out in his trainer's mind. "Going back to 2017, when he won the Mervin Muniz at the Fair Grounds, that was one of his very, very good races," said Stidham. "And when he won the Oceanport and the Red Bank at Monmouth, those were really, really solid races."
- Unfortunately, the cards have not fallen Synchrony's way in his three previous Grade I tries, as each came over "off" courses which are not his strength. And while the elements obviously are not in Stidham's control, he has done everything else to forecast a tip-top performance in his charge's biggest test to date.
- "The one thing that we've learned about him is that he's always run very well off a freshening," said the trainer. "That was kind of the idea of not trying to run him in between the King Edward and the Woodbine Mile. We thought that just training him up to it, having a fresh horse, would hopefully give us our best chance to come up with his best effort."
- "We were experimenting with the one-turn mile, because he hadn't done that. We feel like maybe the mile might be his very best distance. We're just hoping that the turf is going to be pretty firm up there."
- Stidham also notes that Synchrony's disposition mirrors his determination on the racetrack. "He's so strong, very muscled. He already looks like a stallion. His demeanor is that he's all man. He'll come at you in the stall, and be pretty tough to deal with around the barn."

## Owner – Pin Oak Stable

Pin Oak Stable was established in 1949 by a partnership including Josephine Abercrombie and her father, J.S. Abercrombie, and was located in Woodford County, Kentucky. In the 1980s, Josephine Abercrombie designed a new facility on a nearby property and the operation has continued to thrive as both a racing and breeding entity. Since the early 1950s, Pin Oak has raced or bred more than 100 graded stakes winners. Under the guidance of farm manager Clifford Barry, Pin Oak currently stands homebred stallions Broken Vow (sire of this year's Prince of Wales and Breeders' Stakes winner Tone Broke) and Alternation (whose progeny include 2019 Grade 1 Kentucky Oaks winner Serengetti Empress), and have some 30 broodmares. The outfit also has a long-time Woodbine connection with their successes here including Grade 1 Molson Million winner and Canadian Horse of the Year Peaks and Valleys.

## Trainer – Michael Stidham

Michael Stidham was born 1957 in Neptune, New Jersey, sporting a strong racing pedigree. His late father, George Stidham, was a jockey and served as Hall of Famer Bill Hartack's business manager and part-time agent. The younger Stidham, who originally had hoped to become a veterinarian, gravitated to the racetrack where he worked his way up from hotwalking before beginning his own training career at Florida Downs (now Tampa Bay Downs in 1978) and saddling his first winner there in 1980. Based primarily these days in the Midwest, Stidham has sent out the winners of 1,983 races including 213 stakes, 41 of those graded. His proteges include Grade 1 winners Two Altazano, Sutra, Her Emmyency and Zipessa.

## Jockey – Flavien Prat

Flavien Prat has ridden in places like Germany, Italy and his native France as well as the United States. In 2009, he began riding periodically during the winter in Southern California before returning home shortly thereafter. Prat's first full season in North America was 2015, and he finished second in the standings of the Del Mar summer meet. At Del Mar, Prat earned his first Grade 1 win in the U.S. aboard Wild Dude in the Bing Crosby Stakes. Prat's first graded stakes victory came aboard Catch a Flight in the Grade 3 Precisionist Stakes at Santa Anita Park in 2015. He earned his first Breeders' Cup win in 2016 with Obviously in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. In 2017, Prat picked up multiple Grade 1 wins with Paradise Woods and Moonshine Memories and also won Grade 1s with Avenge and Ransom the Moon. On Breeders' Cup Friday, Prat secured his second victory at the World Championships when he guided Battle of Midway to a win in the Las Vegas Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. Prat won the 2019 Kentucky Derby with Country House, his first win in any Triple Crown race, and guided One Bad Boy to victory in the Queen's Plate to become the third jockey to win both races in the same year (Bill Hartack was the first, taking both fixtures with Northern Dancer in 1964, and Kent Desormeaux captured the Kentucky Derby aboard Real Quiet and the Queen's Plate with Archers Bay in 1998).

### Previous Ricoh Woodbine Mile Starters

Pin Oak Stable	Michael Stidham	Flavien Prat
N/A	N/A	N/A



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